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Applicants: D. DeFeo-Jones et al.

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08/468,161

Case No.: 19253CA

Art Unit: 1811

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March 6, 1998

For:

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Examiner: S. Marshall

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

LETTER

Sir:

The above-captioned Continued Prosecution Application (Case 19253CA) was filed by Express Mail on March 6, 1998, prior to the expiration of the period during which Applicants were to pay the Issue Fee for the prior application (Case 19253IB). The CPA Request Transmittal designated the incorrect "prior application number" as well as an incorrect filing date for the prior application and incorrect Express Mail number. That incorrect filing data corresponded to the CPA for the related application Case 19253IC, which was also filed by Express Mail on March 6, 1998.

Applicants are herewith submitting a replacement CPA Request Transmittal which correctly designates the information for the prior application. Applicants are also submitting a copy of the previously submitted CPA Request Transmittal, as well as a copy of the postcard previously submitted and appropriately stamped by the U.S. PTO. Applicants note that the postcard which was submitted and stamped on March 6, 1998 correctly designates Case 19253CA as "a CPA of Case 19253IB". Applicants note that Case 19253IB had Serial. No.

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08/468,161. Applicants also are submitting a copy of an Information Disclosure Statement submitted with the CPA Request Transmittal which correctly designates the serial number of the Case 19253CA CPA as 08/468,161.

In light of the submitted proofs, Applicants request that the CPA which is a continuation of U.S. Serial. No. 08/468,161 be entered and that examination of that CPA continue the examination of Case 19253IB in light of the new references submitted by the Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants respectfully thank Ms. Donna Chapman in Group 1600 for assistance in determining what procedures to follow t correct this unintentional error in the preparation of the CPA Request Transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

By

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